

PARKER ON WAR CHEST

November. I want the readers of THE MENACE and my friends all over the country to know my exact position on this question. I have bought Liberty Bonds of every issue and expect to continue to do so. I have donated to the Red Cross every time they made a call. I have also given to the Y. M. C. A., and the Salvation Army, but I will go to the penitentiary for ten years before I will give one penny to any "war chest fund" where a cutthroat sectarian organization like the Knights of Columbus will benefit thereby.

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AMERICA'S GREATEST EDUCATIONAL JOURNAL IN FURTHERANCE OF FUNDAMENTAL DEMOCRACY

ROMANISTS' FRANTIC DEFENSE OF THE POPE

The Pope's Princes in America Coloring Facts in Efforts to Hide Pro-Germanism in Vatican

The papal censorship of the press shows occasional symptoms of losing its grip. With increasing frequency, a courageous newspaper, or other periodical here and there, eludes or defies the censor and discloses a small fraction of the papal intrigue in causing and continuing this fiendish war on democracy.

Even the Romanized international news corporations have at times failed to head off important messages incriminating the pope which their reporters give to the world. These failures so enrage the distinctively Roman Catholic papers as to keep them busy hurling at the offenders volumes of brimstone and fire.

On August 24, Cardinal O'Connell of Boston went on a typical rampage in his newspaper, *The Pilot*, over an editorial headed, "POPE BENEDICT, THE HUN AND PEACE PROPAGANDA" which he says recently appeared in *Investment News* of Chicago. The very heading of the editorial is so timely and fertile that it leaves no doubt as to the force and justice of the editorial itself.

But the irate Boston Irishman, under a headline that covers the first two columns of his paper, chastises with scorpions the offending Chicago publication and its doughty editor. In the course of his labored diatribe, the cardinal incorporates a letter wherein Anthony Matre, national secretary of the Catholic Federation, assailed the Chicago editor with vials of papal wrath.

The editorial complained of alleged, among other things, that Cardinal Mercier of Belgium received little sympathy and less support from the vatican in his efforts to save that brave little nation from rape and devastation by the Huns. This allegation touched an exceedingly tender and malignant spot in the papal record, and it drew furious anathemas from the Roman apologists.

According to press reports at the time, Mercier not only failed to receive support from the sovereign pontiff, who was apparently busy on behalf of seditious Ireland, but the pope met the laudable efforts of the Belgian cardinal with overt and positive opposition and reproof. The following message which appeared April 13, 1916, in the *New York Times* states the attitude of Benedict XV toward Belgium:

POPE ANGRY WITH MERCIER
London, April 12.—According to reports circulating in vatican circles the pope is annoyed by what is called Cardinal Mercier's "excessive activity." He sent a fresh message of moderation to the Belgian primate, but so far the pontiff has resisted pressure from many quarters to disavow Mgr. Mercier's attitude.

The pontiff doesn't wish to resort to any action which might imperil even apparently the neutrality of the Holy See, but he firmly believes that the resurrection of Belgium is not being assisted by the hostile attitude of the population to the present occupants, which, it is held, can only delay it by hindering the efforts of those working for its attainments.

So did the pope urge Mercier and the Belgian people to offer no resistance to the ruin of their country and the outrage of their homes and people then being wrought by the Huns. Belgians were directed to submit in meekness to their brutal enslavement and wait for the "resurrection" of their country at the hands of its Hun occupants.

Complaint is next made because the Chicago editorial alleges that President Wilson delivered a stunning rebuke to the pope in reply to the vatican peace note. The absolute truth of this allegation has been accepted by the world and can not be successfully denied. To be sure, the president did not descend from the prophecies of his exalted station and deride the pope personally, but his masterful and statesmanlike reply was, in itself, a most timely and perfectly unanswerable rebuke to the papal note and the policy it espoused.

In the effort to make the exposures of the pope's true position seem other than facts, Anthony Matre wrote Secretary Tumulty to know if the president ever delivered a stunning rebuke to the

pope? To which Tumulty replies that he never did. These shrewd papists publish the Tumulty letter to make it appear that the statement is a product of the imagination, but anyone at all familiar with facts knows that the stunning rebuke referred to is nothing else than the president's polite but firm rejection of the pope's peace proposal. That it stunned popery is evidenced in the manner Rome accepted the rejection.

The Baltimore Catholic Review, official organ of Cardinal Gibbons, September 8, 1917, in its leading editorial, made the following statement touching the papal note and the able and patriotic reply by the president:

The absolute rejection has been pronounced by no one but the United States. Perhaps this rejection was too hasty. Why have not the other Entente Powers made some official declaration on the subject? Are the United States to be made the goat?

Cardinal O'Connell himself praised the peace note and said October 13 that it had been well received in Ireland. *The London Tablet* and the Roman Catholic press in this country and throughout the world commended the vatican note and demanded its acceptance. But patriotism and civilization viewed it as a sinister move in behalf of the murdering autocrats, and our government rejected it as utterly devoid of merit.

As evidences of papal complicity with the imperial autocrats in this war multiplies, as the secular press bears with more and more impatience the yoke of clerical censorship, and as the peoples of all democratic lands see with increasing clearness the identity of interest and purpose which binds the pope, the kaisers and the sultan together in the effort to exterminate popular government, Roman mouthpieces will encounter growing difficulty in preventing what they call attacks on the Holy Father.

The scroll of autocratic government is ready to be rolled together. The record is complete. The cup of iniquity is full. The blood of a hundred oppressed generations is crying for retribution. Too long has humanity borne the burden of vast armaments that popes and emperors might roll in luxury and devour the people.

Victory in California

The good news comes to THE MENACE that Mayor Rolph, of San Francisco, was defeated in the recent primaries for the nomination for governor.

THE MENACE aired Rolph's candidacy in an issue just prior to election, and thousands of copies of the paper were used throughout the state. Naturally we feel that our work was effective, and we are sure the patriots of California will thank us for what we did to help in the fight.

Rolph was defeated by about 20,000. Stephens, the present Republican governor and a man who is right on patriotic lines as well as an anti-liquor man, wins not only the Republican nomination but the election as well, due to a peculiarity of California laws which eliminates Heney, the Democratic candidate, because he was defeated by Rolph who ran both as a Republican and a Democrat.

Rolph is also eliminated, although he received the Democratic nomination, because the California law holds that his registration as a Republican and failure to be endorsed at the primary as a Republican candidate precludes his running as a Democrat, notwithstanding the fact that he received the majority of the primary Democratic vote.

Members of the Free Press Defense League in the city of Oakland printed and distributed fifty thousand sample ballots containing their recommendations for the various offices from governor down, omitting judges, constables and some other minor offices, and the result was a sweeping victory, as practically every man selected was elected in the primaries on both the Democratic and Republican tickets.

California has repudiated the Roman Catholic political machine and will go in for good government of, by and for the people of California.

Walsh Not a Freemason

To the amazement of the members of the craft in Montana, the report is being circulated by the henchmen of U. S. Senator T. J. Walsh, that he is a Freemason. Walsh is running for re-election on the democratic ticket, and it is supposed that the report is being used in localities where it would be most beneficial to his candidacy.

As a matter of fact, Walsh is a Roman Catholic and a member of Helena council Knights of Columbus, and for several years has been very active in that order. During his six years' service in the senate the majority of his political favors have gone to Knights of Columbus and his record all the way through shows that he is more interested in the af-

fairs of the Roman Catholic machine than in those affecting the government of the United States.

Walsh has an opponent this time in the person of Hon. O. M. Lanstrum, the republican nominee, who he will find impossible to defeat unless all signs fail, and it is supposed that the probability of defeat led his friends to the Jesuitical conclusion that the ends justify the means when they tried to leave the impression in Protestant communities that Walsh was a Freemason.

Lanstrum is the Freemason and Protestant in this race and the man who should receive the support of the patriots of Montana in the race for United States senator at the fall elections. Dr. Lanstrum is a 33rd degree Mason; Knights Templar and Shriner; as well as an Odd Fellow and Knights of Pythias. Not only that, but he is qualified for the senate for the purpose of serving the whole people and not any particular lodge, church or other organization to the exclusion of others.

Let the good people of Montana remember these facts when they go to the polls to vote next November.

PAPAL TREACHERY IN ITALIAN DISASTER

Gruesome Facts Well Known in Italy Should Be Considered By American Statesmen

Patriots throughout the world deeply suspect that vatican treachery caused the terrible disaster of Caporetto which came so suddenly to the Italian military forces last October, after they had wrought such prodigies of valor in their offensive in the Alps and on the Isonzo. The Roman Catholic and Rome-controlled press hastened to deny such treachery even before it had been openly admitted, but the suspicion was not removed.

William Roscoe Thayer, who is one of the most scholarly and luminous writers now living, in a most telling and thrilling article in the August number of *The World's Work*, throws a flood of light on

papal guilt of the terrible catastrophe which threatened for a time to blot Italy entirely from the map. He states the following among important facts:

"Many clericals sided with the Teutons as a matter of course, for Austria was the chief Catholic nation in Europe. Since his election the Italians have believed, on what evidence does not appear, that Pope Benedict XV is pro-German. He belonged to one of the old aristocratic families of Genoa—nobles who correspond in spirit to the junkers of Prussia. It is believed in Italy that the pope has been promised by both the German and the Austrian kaisers that they would restore his temporal power at the end of the war. The Ultramontane Diet of Bavaria openly announced that this was one of the aims of the war. The failure of the pope to protest against the atrocities of the Huns, or to rank himself squarely from the beginning on the side of the peoples struggling in behalf of Christian civilization, seemed to justify the assumption of the Italians that he was against the Allies; and the fact that he put forth appeals for peace, precisely at those times when the

peace he advocated would mean a complete victory for the Germans, strengthened the suspicion of his pro-German desires.

"For months previous to this priests who served as chaplains, and insidious lay propagandists, whispered disloyalty into the ears of the troops. An officer, who was with the army at that time, has told me that the pope's message created a most depressing effect among them. It turned their thoughts away from the unyielding prosecution of the war to the acceptance of peace—peace on any terms, regardless of consequences.

"The rumor that several officers proved traitors at the moment of the Hun's camouflaged attack has not yet been fully verified. But there is reason to believe in its truth because a dozen or more of the suspected traitors were shot." The foregoing statement from the pen of Dr. Thayer shows the feeling towards popery in Italy where it is better known than anywhere else. It further shows the inherent untrustworthiness of Roman Catholic chaplains, not necessarily because they are bad men, but because they are bad men, but because they are stronger than any civil allegiance bind them to the autocrat of the vatican, who is in sympathy and collusion with the other autocrats that have promised to gratify his one supreme political ambition.

This statement also shows very clearly why every mouthpiece of Rome in this country and abroad pleads incessantly for the pope to sit in the peace conference, and why Italy exacted from her European allies a solemn treaty promise that he should not be permitted to do so. American statesmen who trust popery and insist that it is harmless and patriotic would do well to heed the voice of chivalrous and long-suffering modern Italy as it speaks lessons of wisdom born of long and bitter experience.

Whitewash is deadly to chicken mites, but Rome craves it. Also, she gets it.

The Baltimore Catholic Review of August 10 quotes *The Catholic Herald* as saying that the Roman church is the only real democracy. Cardinal Gibbons also says at page 171 of his book, "The Faith of Our Fathers," that the pope is elective like the office of president of the United States. Under the canon law of the Church of Rome, the pope is elected by the cardinals, and the cardinals are appointed by the pope. No bishop, priest or layman has any more voice in the election of the pope or in the appointment of the cardinals than has the man in the moon. Not since the Middle Ages have the cardinals elected any one pope outside of their own number. The papacy is the closest and most despotical corporation that ever existed beneath the sun.

Hear The Priests Howl

The priests have a new grievance to nurse and exploit before the public. The trouble is stated in the *Union and Times* as follows:

"Although the English government has appointed a head chaplain for the army chaplains of the Church of England, she has accorded no such privilege to the chaplains of the Catholic church. These she has placed under a certain Rev. Dr. Simms of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland. This is in line with the conduct of our own government which allowed General Pershing to select as head chaplain the Episcopal Bishop of Buffalo—a man who had had absolutely no experience in the army and whose co-religionists are in the great minority."

We expect it looks very bad to our Catholic friends that the English and American governments should do such things, after the pope had been at the pains to attend to such matters himself, and appointed Bishop Hayes of New York as Chaplain General of the army, and the said Bishop Hayes was actually touring the camps in the exercise of his papal duties. There seems to be a difference in opinion about these matters with a conflict of authority, and possibly if the papal engineers of the country would gently whisper into the administrative ear, that they propose to run these things to suit themselves, it might have a good effect. At any rate they might find their proper standing, in which case we would expect a fresh outbreak of grievance and wrath in the papal press.

Collier K. of C. Secretary

Robert J. Collier, millionaire publisher of *Collier's Weekly*, New York, has donned the Knights of Columbus uniform and will go to the front as a service secretary.—*The Morning Star* (Catholic) Aug. 24, 1918.

The public will now know what to expect of *Collier's Weekly* and how to understand its utterances. Pay your money and take your choice.

When a coterie of pink elephants are seen dangling by their trunks from the under side of the planet Mars then the world will be ready to please the kaiser by adopting "Catholic democracy" for the kind the world now craves.

The ideals safeguarded in the American Constitution were derived from a school which Rome has condemned and relentlessly fought for hundreds of years—and now Rome is pleased to see Brisbane trying to prove that there was a sympathy and desire for the papal system of government among the framers of the Constitution.

PAPAL TRAITORS TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Enemies of Free Institutions Must Teach in But Always Fight The Public Schools

Never a week passes without scores of editorial columns in the Roman Catholic press of the United States denouncing our public schools and forbidding Romanists to patronize them. In spite of this violent and deep-seated enmity of Rome to the institution that lies nearest the heart of every American, Roman Catholic teachers draw hundreds of millions of dollars every year in salaries for teaching in the public schools.

Here is one of the most flagrant and far-reaching wrongs in our whole social fabric. But any suggestion that Roman Catholics who hate our free schools should not be employed as teachers therein, brings from eighty Roman newspapers and twenty thousand priests in this country, a hideous wail about bigotry and intolerance. Our children are entitled to teachers who believe in the schools in which they teach.

About 10,000 Roman Catholics are on the New York City school pay roll drawing salaries that aggregate, no doubt, more than \$10,000,000 a year. Boston has a fourth degree Knights of Columbus for assistant city superintendent of schools and has hundreds if not thousands of Roman Catholic principals and teachers. Yet Cardinal O'Connell of Boston never misses an opportunity to rail against the public schools. In his official organ, *The Pilot*, of August 24, his first and longest editorial is headed, "What School?" and reads in part as follows:

Many parents are now asking themselves to what school they shall send their children.

With some it will be very easy to answer the question. There is only one way to answer it for them. There is but one school in their district to which they can send their children. They have no parochial school, and therefore MUST FALL BACK ON THE PUBLIC SCHOOL. But if there is a parochial school, then again there is only one answer to the question. That answer is that NO OTHER SCHOOL SHOULD FOR A MOMENT BE CONSIDERED BUT THE PARISH SCHOOL.

Yet in a few weeks we shall have the same experience as in past years. We will find Catholics who will send their children to the public school. You may ask them the reason but you will get none. It is a pity that some Catholic children ARE SACRIFICED TO THE DIFFERENCE OF SUCH PARENTS.

There you have the purpose of this Irish prince in the alien autocracy of the pope. The official diocesan newspapers of the other cardinals breathe constantly the same message to the great cities whose schools are in the hands of Rome but are not attended by the children of Rome. A hundred thousand children in Boston and Baltimore each and half a million in Greater New York sit daily at the feet of teachers who never attended the public schools and who now refuse to patronize them.

Is it bigotry to state this atrocious fact? The illiterate and debased millions in Mexico, in South America, in Spain, in Austria Hungary and in all other Roman Catholic lands convict Roman Catholicism of enmity to every semblance of true education. The record would not only justify expelling every Roman Catholic teacher from our schools, but it lays on boards of education the imperative duty to do so.

Why are millions of Roman Catholics permitted to teach in schools that they denounce and will not patronize? Why do American parents permit their children to be so sacrificed? It is high time for school authorities to place the public schools in the hands of their friends instead of their enemies.

A Significant Prophecy

One thing about the Indian is this: when he mixes with the white race he swaps all his own vices for them of the palefaces—and he retains all his own virtues. Well, his virtues are enough to call out the reserves whenever he lets 'em loose. But the imported foreigners adopt our vices and keep their own vices—and it's going to take our whole standing army some day to police that gang.—O. Henry. (Italics ours.)

Just a few people are fit to rule. All others belong to the herd. So thinks the kaiser, the German crown prince and the pope.